(c) whether it is also a fact that the Central Government employees especially the employees of the Nationalised Banks , in Pondicherry are already getting bene-(fits admissible to 'B-2 status; and

(d) if so, whether Government has any proposal for upgrading the Union Territory of Pondicherry to B-2 status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) A unanimous resolution was passed by the Assembly during March/April session in 1980.

(b) The population of the Union Territory of Pondicherry as per 1981 census ifigures is above 6 lakhs.

(c) and (d) Current classification of cities for payment of House Rent Allowance and Compensatory (City) Allowance to Central Government employees is based on the population figures of 1981 census. On the basis of these figures, Pondicherry qualified for classification as a X? Class City only for payment of House Rent Allowance to Central Government employees working there. Accordingly, Pondicherry has been classified as a C" class city for House Rent Allowance purpose.

Community TV sets in UP

3147. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to stato:

Ca) what are the 'details of place, in U. P, 'where Government have installed community TV sets during the last two years;

(b) what are the details of those plao in U. P. where Government propose to Instal such sets durins the next two vears; and

(c) what is the criteria for selecting places for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a I 896 community viewing TV sets have been installed in villages of the distiiccs of Azamgarh, Basti and Gorakhpur in U. P. during the last two years as a part of the VI Plan 1NSAT scheme.

(b) Ther is no proposal with this Ministry to provide community viewing TV sets in U. P. during !he VII Plan period. However, the State Government has been requested to expan'd the community viewing scheme out of its own funds.

(c) The districts concerned, were selected on the criteria of economic backwardness, geographical contiguity and need for significant saturation of the selected districts. Individual villages in the selected 'districts were Iater identified on the basts of availability of infrastructure,

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Assignment of production of Nehru film to foreigners

3149. SHRl DINKARRAO GOVIND RAO PAT!L: - Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have assigned the production of Nehru film to some foreigners; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) Yes, Sir. An agreement has been singned by Doordarshan on 29. 5. 86 with Mr. Kenneth Griffith, a not-j ed British film maker and actor, for producing a 16 mm colour film on Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. Mr. Griffith will be the sole actor in the film which will be directed by Mr. Alan Birkinshaw' from U. K. The cameramen and other technicians like sound recordists, lighting assis-i tents, etc. will be Indian, to be arranged 1 by Doordarshan. All expenses for the raw stock, processing, editing, administrative arrangements for location shooting, transport, etc. will also be made by the Doordarshan. Doordarshan will have full and complete copyrights of the film including the video rights thereof.

(b) The film has been assigned to Mr. Griffith as he has a unique style of presenting a character and is famous for his one man performances.